

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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## Highlights

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Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki announced that he will not replace the six Sadrist ministers who withdrew from the cabinet with members of the Iran-backed United Iraqi Alliance or with independents close to Muqtada al-Sadr. The Sadrist ministers withdrew in protest of the Prime Minister's refusal to set a timetable for an American withdrawal from Iraq.

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## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Fardh al-Qanun Efforts Against Extremists Continue:

- Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition efforts to reduce the violence continue as Operation Fardh al-Qanun enters its ninth week. Joint Security Stations, manned by Coalition and Iraqi forces, continue to stand up throughout the city and establish a permanent presence in troubled neighborhoods. Another initiative to improve security is the emplacement of temporary concrete barriers around Baghdad neighborhoods that have experienced high levels of violence.
- Attacks against Baghdad civilians have declined 50% over the last six months. In November 2006, 41% of all attacks reported in the city were directed against civilians; however, during the month of April, only 20% targeted the civilian population.
  - While attacks have continued to decline over the first nine weeks of the new security plan, lethal high-profile attacks have continued, highlighted by the four vehicle-borne improvised explosive bombings in the Baghdad area April 18. Al-Qaida in Iraq, who likely conducted those bombings, continues to indiscriminately target civilians to undermine the GOI and dishearten the Iraqi people.
- To date, more than 200,000 patrols have been conducted in support of Operation Fardh al-Qanun. More than 300 caches have been uncovered and more than 800 improvised explosive devices have been found.



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Suicide Vehicle Bomb Strikes U.S. Military Outpost, Killing Nine:

- A suicide car bomber struck a U.S. military outpost north of Baghdad, killing nine soldiers and wounding 20 others, in the deadliest attack on American forces in 16 months.
  - The bomber exploded his vehicle against a patrol base in Diyala province April 23, bringing the U.S. military death toll for April so far to 70, according to the U.S. military. Fifteen of the wounded were later able to resume their duties, but the attack was still the bloodiest since December 1, 2005.



## [2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

### Britain Turns over Logistics Base to the ISF:

- The Shaibah logistics base, once the main center of British military operations in Iraq, was turned over to the Iraqi national army April 24 for use as a training base. The brief ceremony by British and Iraqi forces was the latest example of the Coalition's efforts to give Iraqi forces control over some parts of Iraq as British forces plan to begin withdrawing from southern Iraq where most of them are based.
- Two other British bases - al-Saie and Shatt al-Arab - were turned over to Iraqi forces in Basrah, Iraq's second largest city, in the last month.



## [2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – **Iraqi Security Forces**

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 25,400
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~193,300**</b>

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~137,800***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~139,800**</b>

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**  
**~334,300\*\*\*\***

\* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

\*\* Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

\*\*\* Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

\*\*\*\* Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of April 25, 2007 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)





### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government – **Developments**

#### Fourth Fallujah City Councilman Killed in Two Years:

- Fallujah city council chairman Sami Abdul-Amir al-Jumaili, a critic of al-Qaida who took the job after his three predecessors were assassinated, was killed April 21. The 65-year-old Sunni shaykh was the fourth city council chairman to be killed in 14 months as insurgents target fellow Sunnis willing to cooperate with the U.S. and Iraqi forces. Abdul-Amir's predecessor, Abbas Ali Hussein, was shot to death February 2.

#### Iraq's Yazidi Minority Demands Protection After Killings:

- Sectarian tensions are high in the Mosul area of northern Iraq following the killing of 23 members of the Yazidi minority (a small, ancient heterodox sect who are ethnic Kurds) and following the stoning death of a Yazidi woman who recently converted to Islam to marry a Sunni Muslim man.



### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - **Iraqi National Unity Government**

		<b>Deputy President</b> Tariq al-Hashimi	<b>President</b> Jalal Talabani	<b>Deputy President</b> 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Barham Salih	<b>Prime Minister</b> Nuri al-Maliki	<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Salam al-Zawba'i	* Possible resignation announced but not confirmed  (F) = Female
Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ya'rub Nathim*	Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	As'ad Kamal Muhammad Abdallah al-Hashimi	Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Karim Wahid
Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Bayan Jabr	Hoshyar Zebari	Ali al-Shammari*	Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Fawzi al-Hariri	Jawad al-Bulani	Safa al Safi (acting)	Bayan Daza'I (F)	Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Husayn al-Shahrastani	Ali Baban	Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Riyad Ghurayyib	Karim Mahdi Salih*
Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs	
'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Adil al-Asadi*	Akram al-Hakim	Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women's Affairs	Minister of State for CoR Affairs	
Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Sa'd Tahir Abd Khalaf al-Hashimi*	Liwa Sumaysim8	Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Safa al-Safi	

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## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2 (Millions of USD)

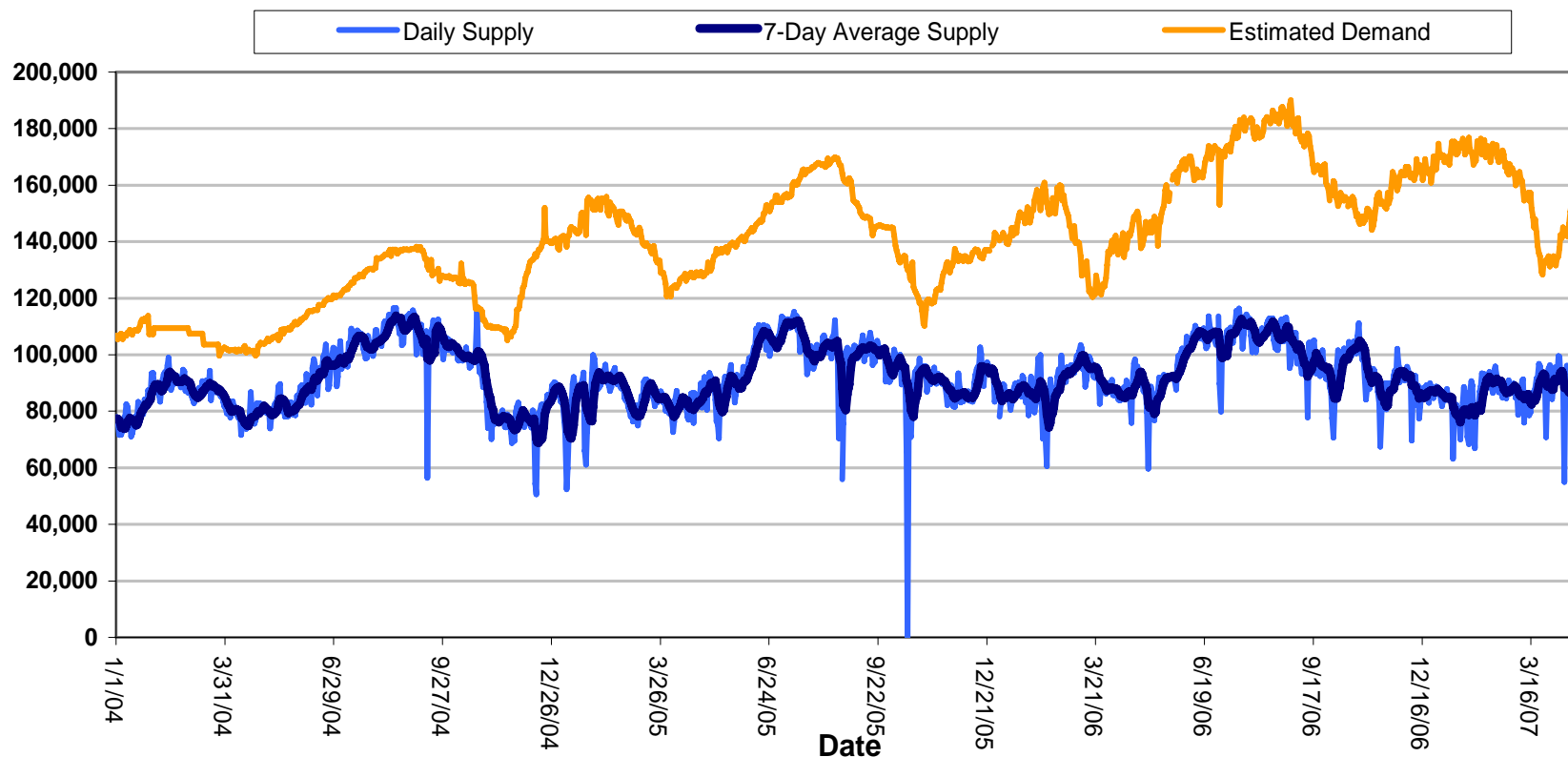
Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,002.59	\$4,978.54	\$4,978.54	\$0.00	\$4,976.66	\$4,976.66	\$0.00	\$4,746.75	\$4,759.58	\$12.82
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,173.03	\$4,173.03	\$0.00	\$4,034.86	\$4,034.86	\$0.00	\$3,185.34	\$3,185.34	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,664.42	\$1,664.42	\$0.00	\$1,580.47	\$1,580.47	\$0.00	\$1,400.39	\$1,400.39	\$0.00
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,303.26	\$1,303.17	\$1,303.17	\$0.00	\$1,297.57	\$1,297.57	\$0.00	\$1,035.65	\$1,046.13	\$10.47
Democracy	\$999.26	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.67	\$920.78	\$0.11
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.06	\$401.26	\$401.39	\$0.13	\$401.26	\$401.26	\$0.00	\$358.18	\$370.49	\$12.31
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$330.66	\$330.66	\$0.00	\$323.30	\$323.30	\$0.00	\$217.13	\$217.13	\$0.00
Health Care	\$815.78	\$814.30	\$814.30	\$0.00	\$800.27	\$800.27	\$0.00	\$650.34	\$650.34	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$456.67	\$456.67	\$0.00	\$450.91	\$450.91	\$0.00	\$350.15	\$350.15	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,015.67	\$2,015.67	\$0.00	\$1,966.23	\$1,966.23	\$0.00	\$1,538.52	\$1,538.52	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$813.95	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$809.25	\$809.25	\$0.00	\$780.77	\$786.38	\$5.61
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$210.48	\$210.48	\$0.00	\$188.06	\$210.48	\$22.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,405.59</b>	<b>\$18,155.77</b>	<b>\$18,155.90</b>	<b>\$0.13</b>	<b>\$17,849.48</b>	<b>\$17,849.48</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,371.94</b>	<b>\$15,435.69</b>	<b>\$63.75</b>
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,399.23	\$10,399.23	\$0.00	\$10,114.60	\$10,114.60	\$0.00	\$8,369.24	\$8,372.06	\$2.82
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,758.23	\$6,758.36	\$0.13	\$6,736.65	\$6,736.65	\$0.00	\$6,082.03	\$6,142.86	\$60.82
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$998.31	\$998.31	\$0.00	\$998.23	\$998.23	\$0.00	\$920.67	\$920.78	\$0.11
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,878.89</b>	<b>\$20,629.07</b>	<b>\$20,629.20</b>	<b>\$0.13</b>	<b>\$20,081.78</b>	<b>\$20,081.78</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$17,510.94</b>	<b>\$17,574.69</b>	<b>\$63.75</b>

As of April 24, 2007

## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- During the week of April 19-25 electricity availability averaged 5.1 hours per day in Baghdad and 11.4 hours nationwide. Electricity output for the week was 8% above the same period in 2006.



## **[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity, Health and Transportation**

### Electricity:

- The completed U.S. Army-funded construction of the PRDC al-Jazira feeder in Diyala province has been completed, providing direct, reliable power to the homes of 4,000 area residents.

### Health:

- The U.S. Army-funded construction of the Primary Healthcare Clinic R-WA04 al-Haidariya in al-Kut, Governorate of Wasit has been completed, improving the availability of health care and enhancing the quality of life to it's area residents.

### Transportation:

- The U.S. Army-funded construction of the PRDC pavement of Haji Sfiah Street in Basrah province has been completed, providing increased trafficability and reliable access to school, work and other activities for local residents.



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending April 20 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$60.362/ barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$63.01/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$65.908/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$62.764/barrel

### Employment Update:

Iraqi Employment Per Organization Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) (Includes MILCON/OMA)	22,016	21,484	-2.42%
US Agency for International Development (USAID)	32,495	37,690	15.99%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP) <sup>2</sup>	4,258	4,448	4.46%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	10,744	9,753	-9.22%
Iraq Reconstruction Relief Fund (IRRF) Non-Construction	6,484	6,484	0.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>75,997</b>	<b>79,859</b>	<b>5.08%</b>

CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

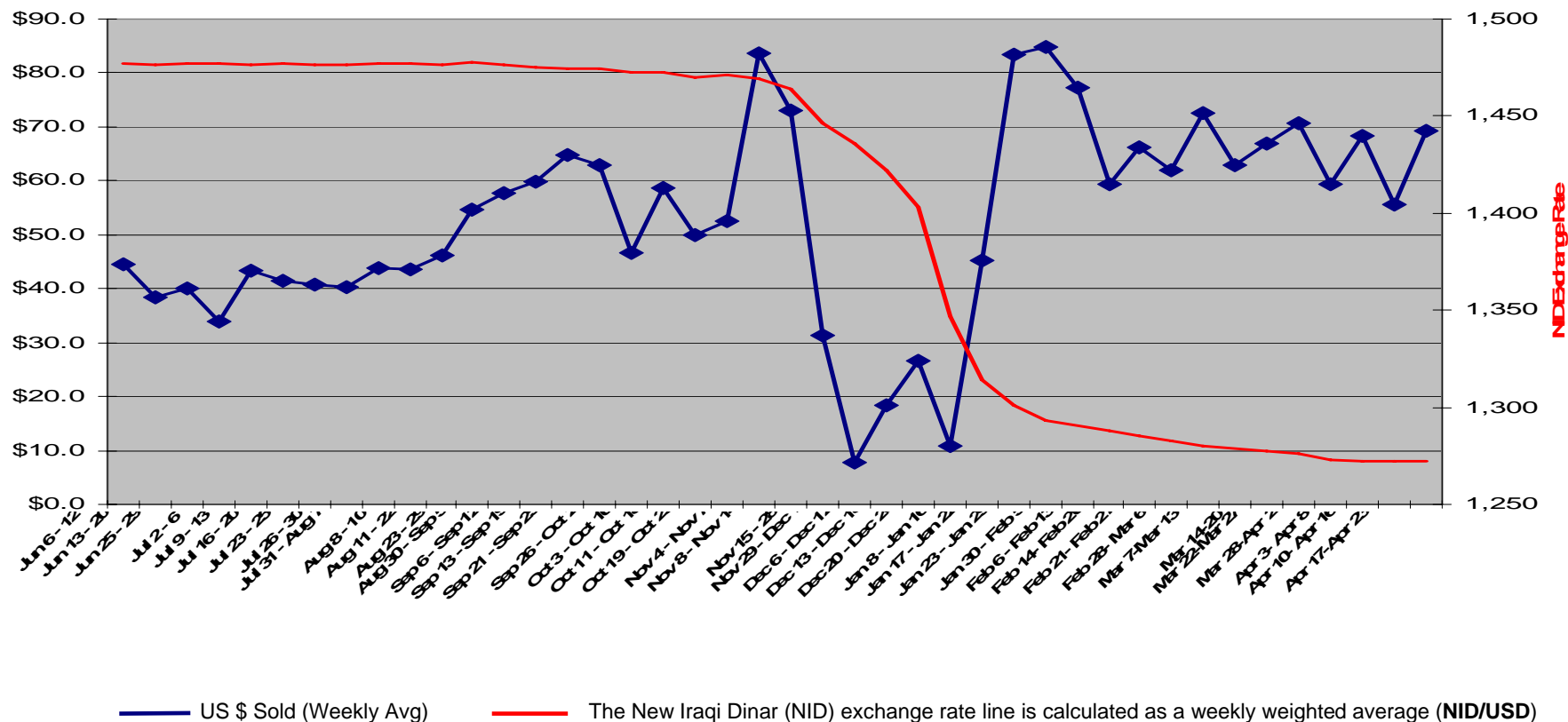


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, with prices falling 6.8% between January and February.

**Central Bank of Iraq**  
**USD Currency Auction: June 6, 2006 – April 23, 2007**





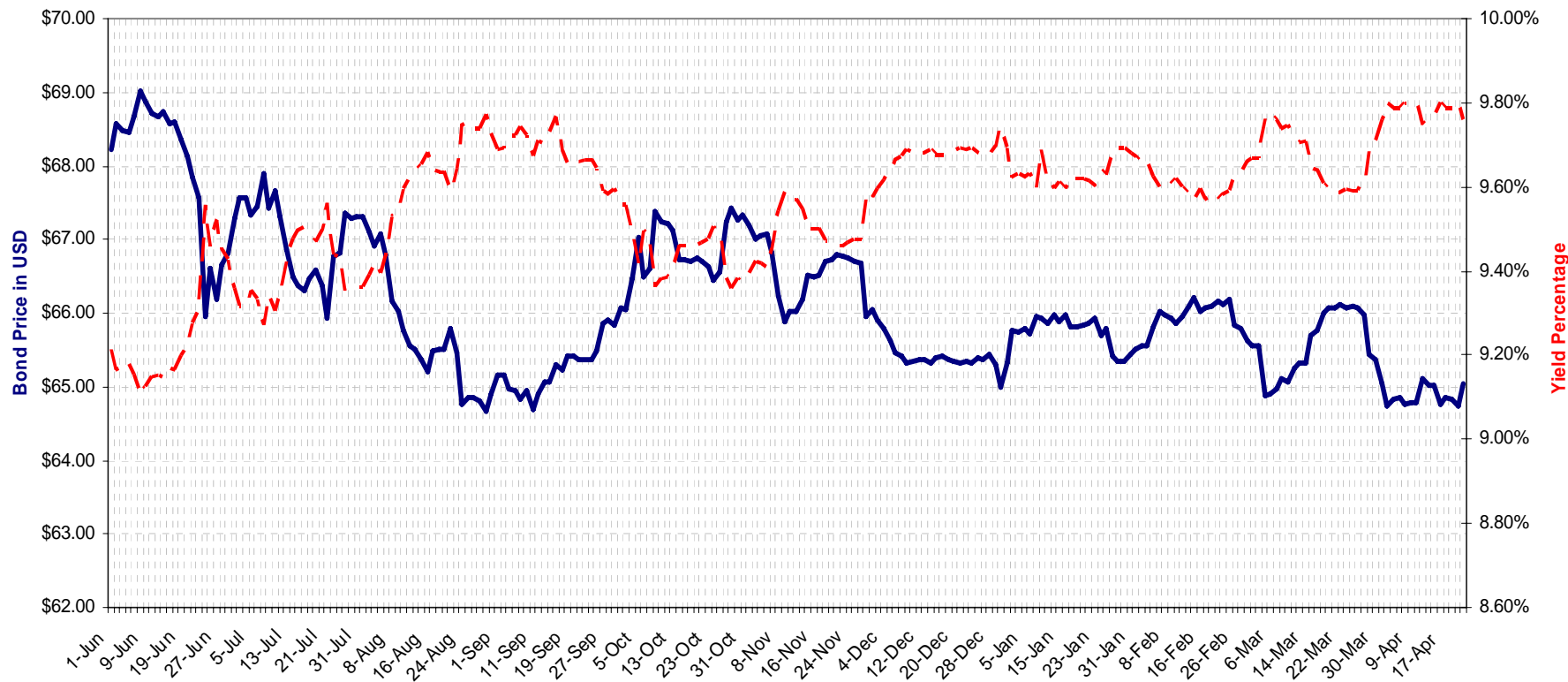
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

### Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 9.6 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

### Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales

June 1, 2006 - April 20, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)





## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy –Economic Events

### Prime Minister Announces Plan to Authorize National Phone Companies:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki announced that the GOI is planning to authorize the country's three national phone companies, MTC Athir, Orascom and Asia-Cell, and is demanding a minimum payment of \$250 million for each company. Several Iraqi ministers held a meeting where they agreed that the nation's three mobile companies would each be given a fifteen-year license that would be renewed every five years. In return, the three mobile companies will pay a fee of \$250 million and give 18% annual gross revenues to Iraq's central government.

### Canadian and Japanese Firms Plan to Develop Iraqi Oil Field:

- The Chief Executive Officer at Ivanhoe Energy stated that the company has signed a joint partnership agreement with Japanese Inpex Corp. to develop an oil field in Iraq, Portal Iraq reported.
- Three years ago, Ivanhoe Energy supposedly won a service contract from the Oil Ministry under then Minister Ibrahim Bahr al-Ulum to assess large oil fields in Iraq and their development using the company's technology. The contract made with Ivanhoe Energy gives Inpex the benefit of keeping a majority stake, plus technology fees if the project is successful. Ivanhoe is set to receive an estimated \$9 million from Inpex within a month time. It is unclear if this contract is valid and how it will be affected by the upcoming hydrocarbon legislation.



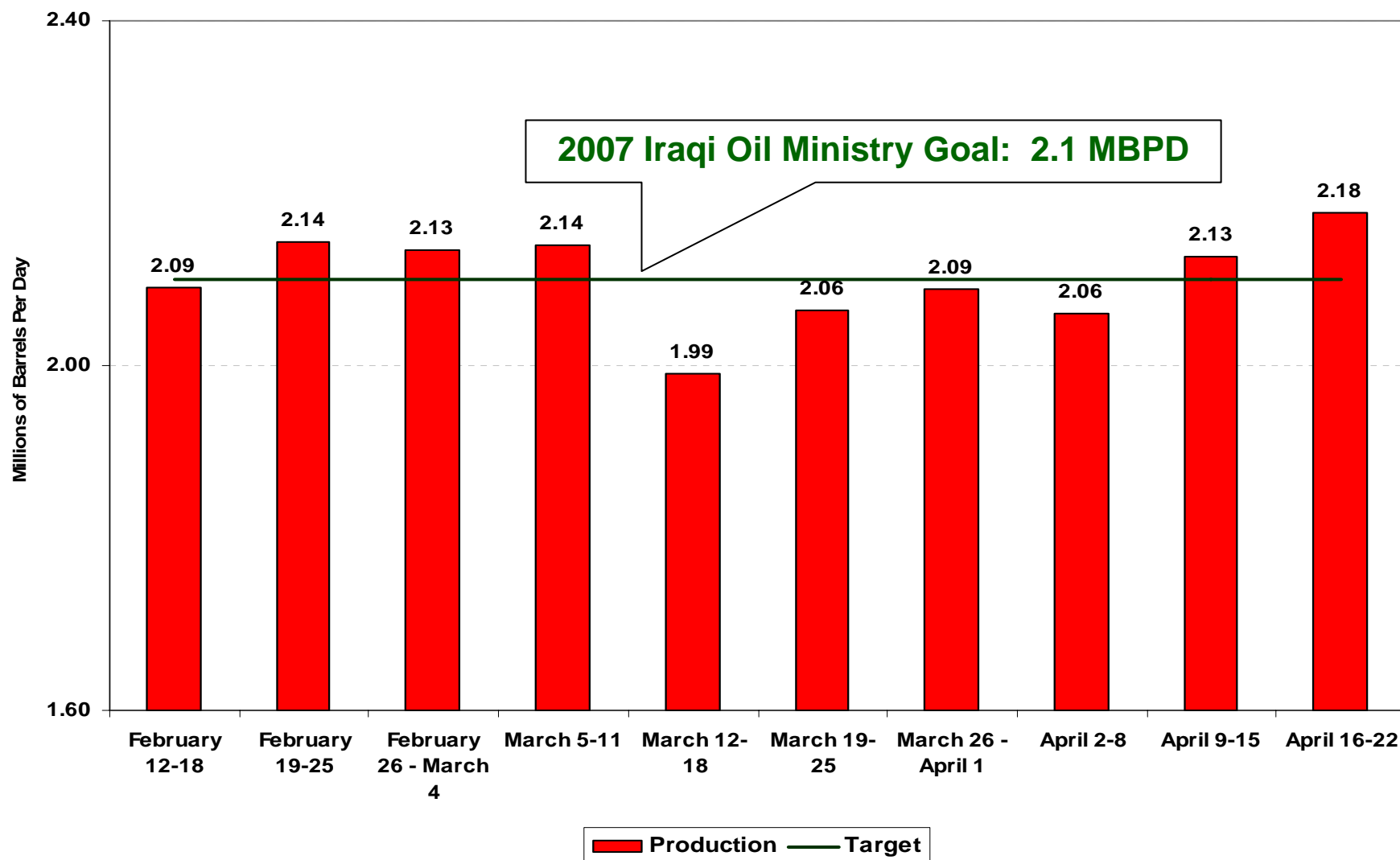
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Developments**

### Iraqi Members of Parliament, Officials, and Experts Meet in Dubai:

- On April 18, Iraqi members of parliament, officials, and experts met in Dubai in a series of technical meetings to primarily discuss the draft framework Hydrocarbon and Revenue Sharing laws. Iraqi Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani predicted that the law would be submitted to parliament by the end of the month and passed by Parliament by the May 31 deadline. Both Shahristani and Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Minister of Natural Resources Hawrami indicated that they are committed to sending the law to parliament as part of a package including the field list annexes, revenue sharing law, reorganization of the Oil Ministry, and a law that lays down the framework for the recreation of the Iraq National Oil Company. The KRG and the GOI disagree on the annexes and the revenue sharing law.



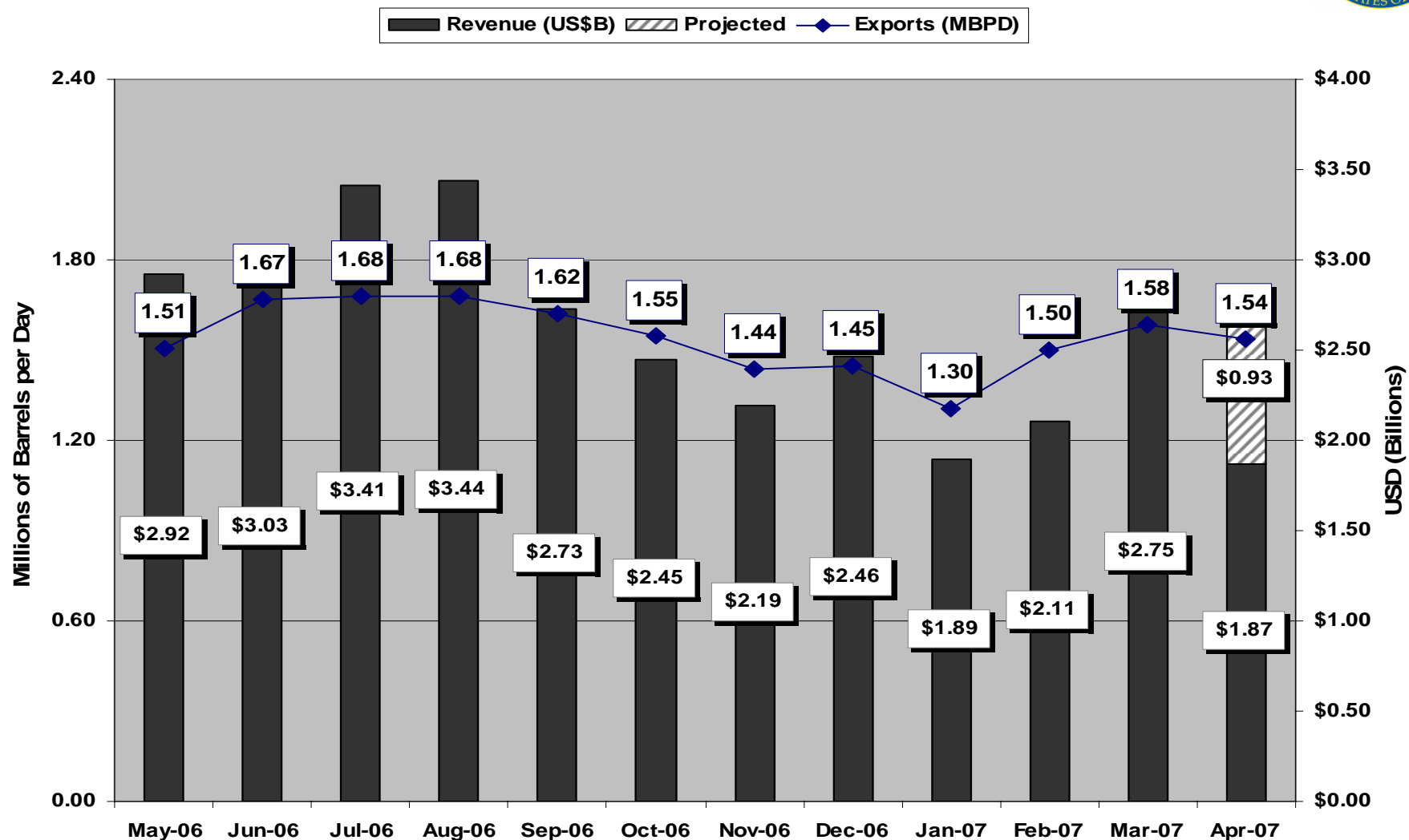
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (April 16 – April 22) of 2.18 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



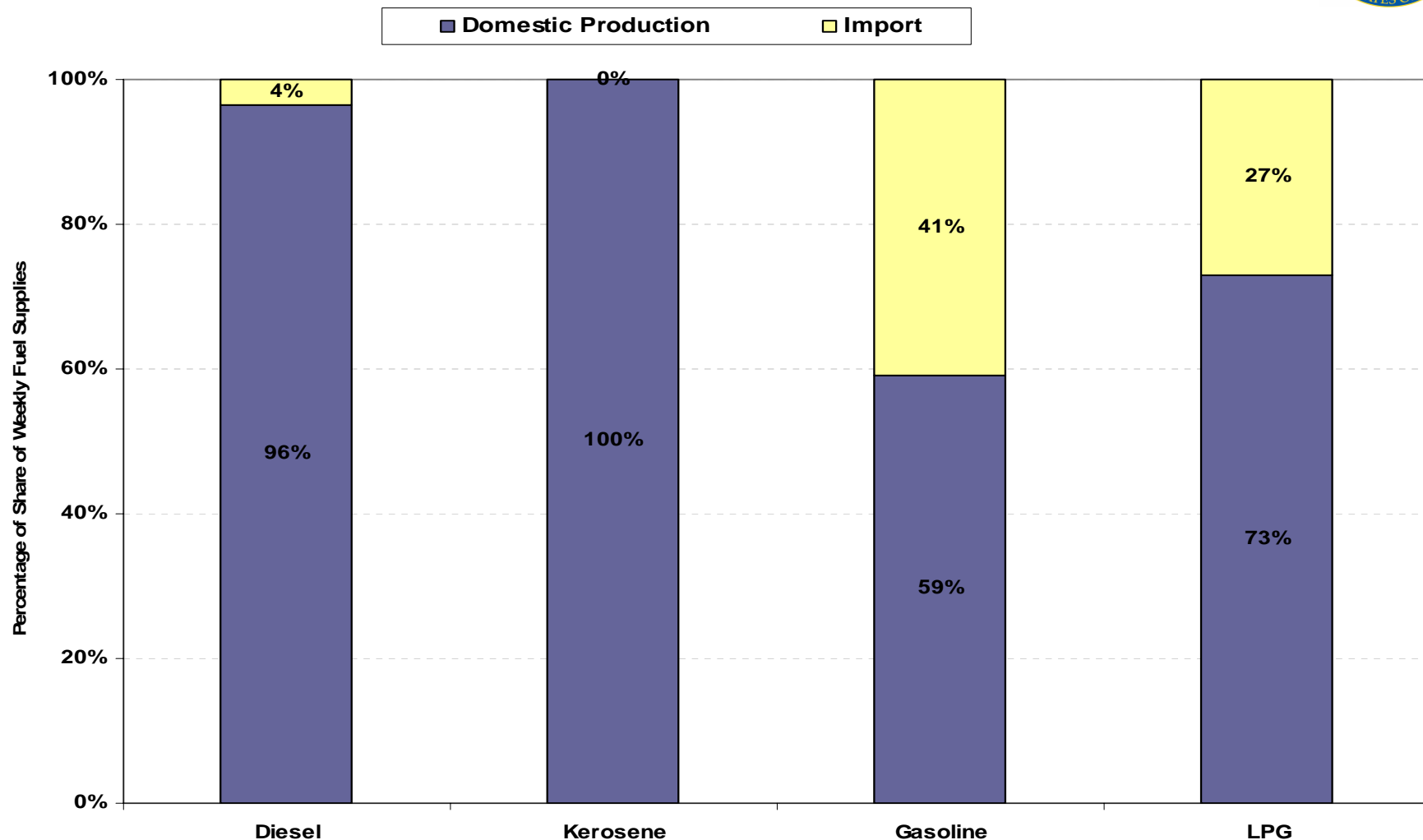
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- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$8.6 Billion (Year to Date)



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

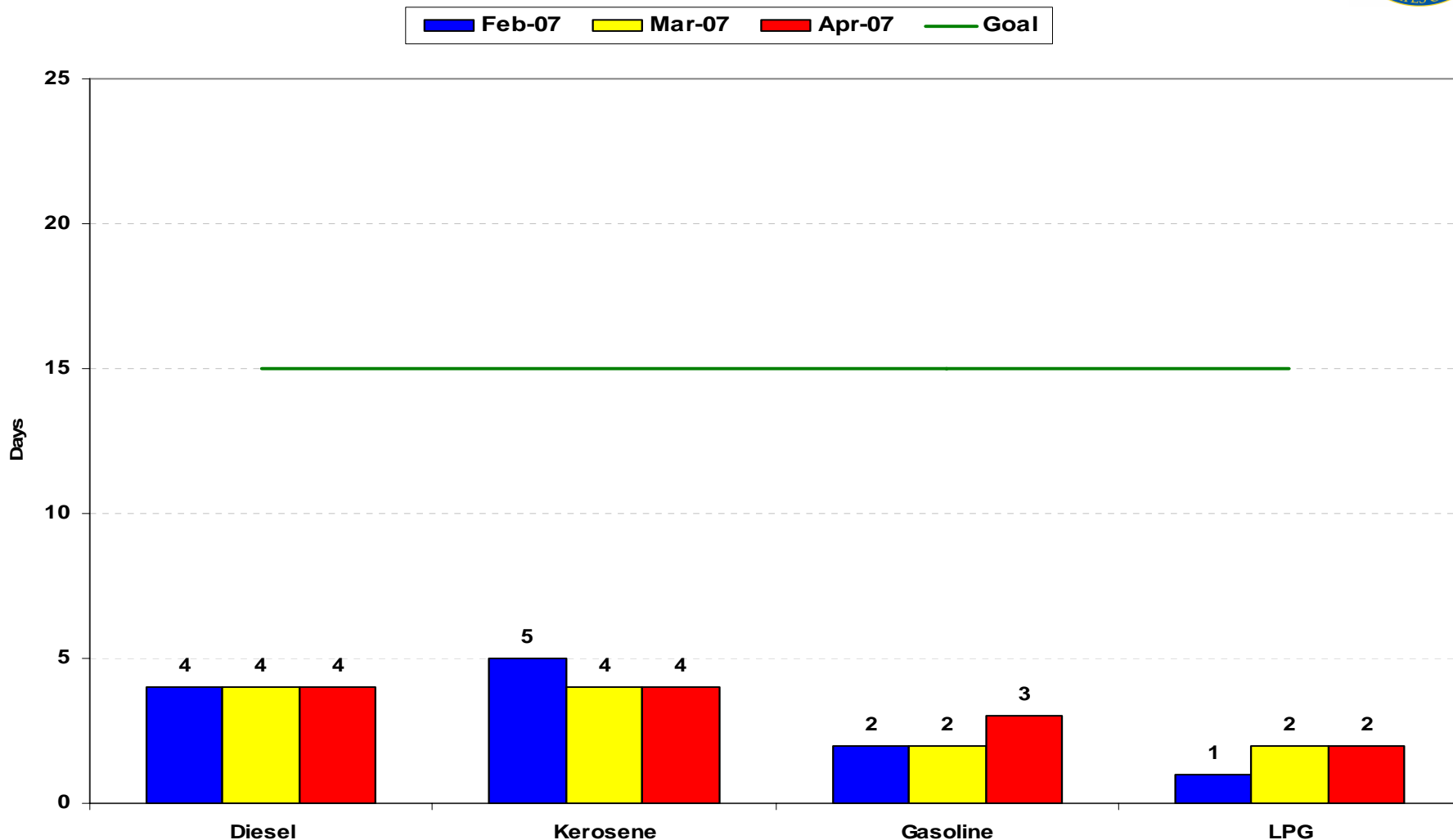


Note: This is a daily average for the week of April 16 – April 22

- Diesel: 12.5 ML supply of 22.6 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.9 supply of 10.1 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.1 ML supply of 22.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,856 tons supply of 5,000 tons target



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



## **[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System**

### Criminal Proceedings Begin at New Rule of Law Complex:

- On April 2 in Baghdad, criminal proceedings were initiated in a newly opened and secure Rule of Law Complex, Mujama Siyadat al-Qanun, against an alleged al-Qaida suspect accused of killing scores of civilians, and against a Shi'a national police officer accused of torturing and abusing mostly Sunni detainees while in his custody.

### CPATT Connects with Rule of Law Task Force:

- In the past two years, the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT) has assisted with the training of more than 200,000 police men and women in numerous academies and training establishments across Iraq. CPATT has now linked hands with the Rule of Law Task Force to assist with the provision of a secure environment called the Rule of Law Complex, where impartial and legitimate trials can be conducted. The Rule of Law Complex ensures that prisons conform to international standards and the laws that govern the application of human rights. CPATT has helped to coordinate the recruiting and training of over 1,600 correctional officers to administer and run the new prison complexes.



## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

### Prime Minister Maliki Receives Promise of Support from Egypt During Visit:

- During a visit to Cairo by Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif pledged to continue supporting Iraq in order to restore peace and stability in the country. Prime Minister Nazif added that “Egypt stands strongly on the side of Iraq and by every means backs it in achieving peace and stability.”

### UNICEF Launches Immunization Campaign:

- In coordination with UNICEF, Iraqi health workers launched a large-scale immunization drive this week aimed at protecting 3.9 million infants with the MMR vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella.

### Secretary Rice Urges Iran to Take Part in Iraq’s Neighbors Conference:

- Secretary Rice urged Iran to take part in Iraq’s Neighbors Conference next month, telling the Financial Times it would be a “missed opportunity” if Tehran fails to attend.

### Ambassador Satterfield Urges Iraq Neighbors on Debt Relief:

- While talking to reporters in Kuwait, Ambassador Satterfield urged Iraq’s neighbors to invest in the country and called on oil-rich Gulf states to fulfill their pledge to forgive billions of dollars in debt owed by the former regime of Saddam Hussein.





## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of April 16, 2007

### 25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Lithuania	Slovakia
Armenia	El Salvador	Macedonia	South Korea
Australia	Estonia	Moldova	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Mongolia	UK
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Poland	
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Czech Republic	Latvia	Singapore	

**TOTAL ~ 13,196 Forces**

\*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

**34 Countries and NATO\***  
(including US)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*34 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



## [8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

### Islamic Cabinet Named by Sunni Insurgent Group:

- An Internet video posted April 19 by the Islamic State of Iraq announced an “Islamic Cabinet” for Iraq and named Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, the head of al-Qaida in Iraq, as “minister of war.” The message came shortly after the Sunni insurgent group posted another video showing the execution of 20 men said to be members of the Iraqi military and security forces.
- Shaykh Abu Abdul-Rahman al-Falahi was named as the emir’s “first minister,” while other positions included ministers of information, “prisoners and martyrs,” agriculture and health.



## Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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